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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 2180

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, PFOR, CH, GE, WB

SUBJECT: CHINESE PROPERTY IN BERLIN

REF: (A) USBERLIN 2067; (B) USBERLIN A-133, 10/6/75;

(C) USBERLIN A-146, 10/15/75

1. KUNZE OF SENAT CHANCELLERY TOLD MISOFF OCT 29 THAT  
FRG FOREIGN OFFICE AND SENAT HAD CONCLUDED CHINESE  
PROPERTY ON KURFUERSTENDAMM PROPERLY BELONGED TO PRC.

KUNZE EXPLAINED THAT PROPERTY IN QUESTION ORIGINALLY  
BELONGED TO CHINESE EMPIRE. SINCE FRG HAD RECOGNIZED  
NEITHER TAIWAN NOR PRC UNTIL RECENTLY, THEY HAD  
REFUSED CLAIMS FROM EITHER SIDE TO PROPERTY. HOW-  
EVER, WITH RECOGNITION OF PRC, FRG NOW FEELS PRC IS  
LEGAL SUCCESSOR TO CHINESE EMPIRE AND THEREFORE HAS  
RIGHT TO PROPERTY. KUNZE THOUGHT PRC REPS IN BONN

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HAD BEEN SO INFORMED.

2. KUNZE ALSO NOTED RECENT FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ARTICLE STATING THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WOULD RAISE IDEA OF CHINESE CONSULATE GENERAL IN WEST BERLIN DURING HIS VISIT TO PRC. KUNZE THOUGHT IT FARFETCHED THAT FEDERAL CHANCELLOR WOULD OCCUPY HIMSELF WITH SUCH MATTER. HOWEVER, AS REFTEL AND REF AIRGRAMS SUGGEST, PRC IS OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERING IDEA CAREFULLY AND, IF KUNZE IS CORRECT, ALREADY HAS PROPERTY AVAILABLE FOR USE AND/OR SWAP.

3. COMMENT: IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON OWNERSHIP OF KURFUERSTENDAMM PROPERTY, SENAT OFFICIALS-- INCLUDING KUNZE -- HAVE STUDIOUSLY REFRAINED FROM PASSING ON COMPETING CLAIMS OF PEKING AND TAIPEI AND HAVE MAINTAINED THAT THIS IS MATTER FOR ALLIED DECISION. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE INFORMATION, ALLIED MISSIONS MIGHT WISH TO REVIEW MATTER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY DO INDEED HAVE ROLE TO PLAY IN ADJUDICATING CLAIMS. GEORGE

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